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Michelle Mullin, PCB Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
Office of Air and Waste
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Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Ms. Mullin:

On behalf of the WA State Department of Ecology (Ecology), I am pleased to support the EPA Region 10 research proposal related to inadvertent PCBs. We believe this scientific work will provide EPA and the states with data and information to better understand the concentrations and risks of certain PCBs in yellow pigmented children's products.

It's our understanding this work will result in the first data set available to evaluate migration pathways into the environment and potential routes of human exposure to evaluate potential human health risks.

Ecology appreciates efforts to strengthen the ORD-Regional-State engagement on science-related activities to promote greater awareness within ORD of regional and state science issues. Over the past year, we have been in dialogue with the Region 10 Science Steering Council to identify and prioritize regional projects of interest. Inadvertent PCBs has been an area of strong interest to Washington State for many years.

This work will also leverage our work related to Ecology's product testing program and the Spokane River Toxics Task Force (SRTTF). Our role will be to help support the project through coordination and review of the research results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Zarker".

Ken Zarker, Manager
Pollution Prevention and Regulatory Assistance Section

cc: Bruce Duncan, EPA Regional Science Liaison to ORD
Saskia van Bergen, HWTR
Karin Baldwin, ERO WQ